

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned March 2018 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe and Noble Counties, Ohio --2 Parcels covering 345.49 acres.

ES-004

39.65 acres in Monroe County

ES-005

305.84 acres in Noble County

PROTEST

I. Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests

This Protest is filed on behalf of:

Name: *Lucretia C. Pollard*

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II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below:

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- No environmental impact statement has been conducted by the Bureau of Land Management for the impact of this sale. The "Finding of No Significant Impact" issued by the BLM does not consider the potential impact of horizontal drilling on this land.
- Horizontal drilling threatens local waterways, as it uses millions of gallons of water that comes from rivers and streams — permanently removing that water from the supply.
- Listed rare and imperiled species inhabit portions of the Wayne National Forest that will be affected by the proposed lease.
- My family, friends, and members of my community enjoy camping, hiking, and viewing wildlife in these areas, which will be adversely impacted by the proposed lease.